Good day! I am Christopher Columbus

My picture

I was born in 1451 in Italy and I lived in Spain before I began my voyage. I was sponsored by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain

What motivated me to explore was

1. I was looking for a shorter route to Asia
2. I wanted to get trade items such as silk and spices
3. I wanted to avoid paying trade taxes in the East
I discovered the West Indies (Island of Hispaniola, Cuba, San Salvador) in the year 1492-1493.

(Your perspective, how do you think the voyage was for your explorer?) - The voyage was mysterious and long and it made me feel like I was never going to get there.

After sailing for so long, when I first arrived to the new land I stuck my flag in the ground and celebrated with my men!
**My crew of men and I found**

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This is a map of how I traveled

- MUST BE DRAWN or fill in the blank map template available to you on our webpage. NO PRINTED MAPS. Label everything on your map. Show and label your route!
I came all the way from Spain, and ended up in The West Indies.

Conclusion/Summary: My crew and I made 3 voyages, each time we found new land. I was trying to get to Asia but stumbled upon this new world that had interesting people and things. I made a claim for Spain, and I was one of the first explorers to document and report this discovery to Europe!

Timeline: (Place yourself on the timeline. List other events and the year they occurred, place them in chronological order on the timeline.) Create a timeline of just your explorers life and voyages/discoveries or you can make one of the other events we learned about.

Fun Facts:

- Christopher Columbus was very religious. He was Catholic.
- He wanted to spread Christianity
- He was born in Genoa, Italy but moved to Spain
- The King and Queen of Spain almost didn’t sponsor him. He was about to ask France before they agreed and provided him with the ships.
- He was about 41 years old when he set sail on his first voyage